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## Chippewa County's Older Population

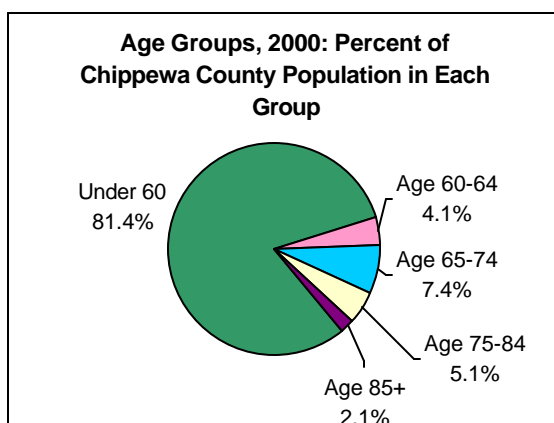
A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

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### Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Chippewa County is higher than that of the state as a whole (14.6% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been similar in this county to that of the state as a whole (7.4% versus 7.9%). In all, 8,037 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 1,139 of these are age 85 or older. Chippewa County's average (or median) age is 37.6 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Chippewa County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	55,195		52,360		2,835	5.4%
Persons 60 and over	10,283	18.6%	9,844	18.8%	439	4.5%
Persons 65 and over	8,037	14.6%	7,484	14.3%	553	7.4%
Persons 85 and over	1,139	2.1%	897	1.7%	242	27.0%



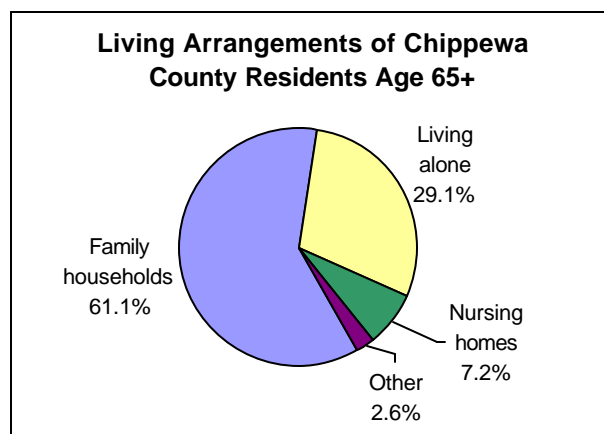
### Race:

A large majority (99.2%) of Chippewa County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Chippewa County African Americans have a median age of 18.3 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 18.5 years. Whites, in contrast, average 37.9 years.

### Living Arrangements:

Of the 21,356 households in Chippewa County, 5,413 include at least one person age 65 or older (25.3% of all households). A total of 5,115 housing units in the county have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 78.0% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (61.1%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 29.1% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 3.1% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 579 people age 65 and older live in Chippewa County nursing homes (7.2% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



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**SOURCE:** U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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